

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re the Application of:**Xian-Wei Yao *et al.***Appn. No.:** 10/037,356**Filed:** October 24, 2001**For:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DELIVERY OF SUBMICROLITER  
VOLUMES ONTO A SUBSTRATE**Examiner:** Brian R. Gordon**Art Unit:** 1743RECEIVED  
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.IAN 27 2005**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This submission is filed in response to an Office action dated September 1, 2004, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on October 1, 2004. This submission is timely filed before February 1, 2005 with a four-month extension of time for which Applicants petition herein. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for the outstanding requirement for restriction and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response prior to substantive examination. Consideration respectfully is requested.

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